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TAGS: PINS, DE, IS, FR

SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACK AT ORLY

REF: PARIS 1539

1. DENOUEMENT OF ORLY DRAMA WAS RAPID FOLLOWING  
NEGOTIATIONS WITH TERRORISTS THAT BEGAN THIS MORNING  
WITH EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR SERVING AS INTERMEDIARY  
BETWEEN FRENCH AUTHORITIES AND TERRORISTS WHO WERE  
STILL CLOSETED IN TOILETS AT ORLY WITH THEIR TEN  
HOSTAGES. IT APPEARS TO BE ONLY WHEN EGYPTIAN  
AMBASSADOR WAS PERMITTED ENTRY TO PARLAY WITH  
TERRORISTS THAT AUTHORITIES LEARNED FOR FIRST TIME  
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HOW MANY HOSTAGES THERE WERE, AND EVEN THAT FIGURE

WAS LATER REVISED UPWARD TO TOTAL OF TEN. PREGNANT WOMAN AND HER CHILD WERE FIRST HOSTAGES RELEASED IN EARLY PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS.

2. INTERIOR MINISTER PONIATOWSKI IN RADIO INTERVIEW SAID THAT TERRORISTS HAD ASKED FOR GUARANTEE ("CAUTION") OF "TWO AMBASSADORS", BUT ONLY PRESENCE OF EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR WAS REPORTED. PONIATOWSKI SAID THAT ONCE AUTHORITIES WERE CONVINCED THAT HOSTAGES WERE IN THE HANDS OF THE TERRORISTS THE SOLE CONCERN OF THE AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN TO SAVE THE HOSTAGES. AUTHORITIES HAD INSISTED ON CONDITION, HE SAID, THAT NONE OF HOSTAGES BE EMBARKED ABOARD AIRCRAFT WITH TERRORISTS. (ONLY THREE CREW MEMBERS ARE ABOARD AIR FRANCE BOEING WITH TERRORISTS, ACCORDING TO RADIO REPORTS.)

3. HOSTAGES HAD INCLUDED IN ALL FOUR WOMEN, FIVE MEN, AND ONE CHILD. WE HAVE JUST CONTACTED SECURITY STAFF AT SGAC IN EFFORT TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER ANY AMERICANS MAY HAVE BEEN AMONG HOSTAGES, BUT WERE TOLD THAT SGAC HAS AS YET NO INFO THIS SUBJECT.  
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